

Michigan Central Railroad Station (New York Central
Capital Avenue Railroad Station)
Battle Creek
Calhoun County
Michigan

HABS No. MI-234

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan		COUNTY Calhoun	TOWN OR VICINITY Battle Creek
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Michigan Central Railroad Station			HABS NO. MI-234
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE New York Central Railroad Station			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Capital Avenue			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1887-1888		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Rogers & McFarland	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Presidents William McKinley and William Howard Taft spoke here. The first passenger train that stopped at this station was on June 27, 1888. It carried members of the American Society of Civil Engineers.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Romanesque			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, stone			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One and one half stories with tower; elongated rectangle with projections			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Hip roof, wide bracketed overhangs, arched windows and doorways, porch, high brick tower, one hipped dormer on south side			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Battle Creek Historical Society contains several old views of the station. Michigan Central operated the station from 1888-1930. In February, 1930 the New York Central Railroad took over.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Michigan HABS Catalogue, 1967			
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